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DOA Announces New Weatherization Provider in Milwaukee

Program Serves Approximately 1,300 Households in City of Milwaukee Each Year

The Department of Administration (DOA) announces that Partners for Community Development will join the State's Weatherization Assistance Program in Milwaukee. The Weatherization Assistance Program helps eligible residents save energy, reduce their heating bills, and make their home warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer. Each year, the program helps approximately 1,300 households in the City of Milwaukee and more than 6,100 households statewide.

"Milwaukee is an important part of our program and represents nearly 20% of the state's households that are weatherized," said DOA Deputy Secretary Chris Schoenherr. "We are pleased to have Partners for Community Development join our providers in the Milwaukee area so that we can continue to expand our weatherization provider network and ensure services are delivered to this critical market."

DOA's Division of Energy Services contracts with various agencies throughout the state to provide weatherization services to eligible households. Agencies include community action agencies, housing authorities, local governments and other non-profit organizations.

La Casa de Esperanza and Social Development Commission are the current providers in the City of Milwaukee. Partners for Community Development (Partners) is based in Sheboygan and provides weatherization services in Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Manitowoc Counties. Partners is opening a second office targeting Northern Milwaukee to assist La Casa de Esperanza and the Social Development Commission in providing weatherization services starting in the fall of 2014.

While weatherization services differ for each home, households that receive weatherization services save an average of \$437 on their annual energy bills. Some common weatherization services include insulating attics, walls and floors and reducing air leakage, insulating or replacing the water heater, installing energy efficient lighting, repairing or replacing the furnace, performing a general health and safety inspection, and providing guidance about maintenance and energy conservation.

A household may be eligible to receive services from the Wisconsin Weatherization Program if:

- It meets [income eligibility requirements](#) and their residence has not been weatherized before
- Their household meets certain program priorities including a high energy use or has a family member that is elderly, disabled or a child under age six

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